

MAJOR DONOR

"STREAMLINED" PROGRAM

2000 OVERVIEW

- Step 1** RAW DATA - Obtained database of electronic filings from Secretary of State containing **1,814** individual contribution records totaling **\$58,911,296.13** in contributions received that were each \$2,500 or larger.
- Step 2** ANALYSIS - The 'raw' data was analyzed, sorted and organized by contributor to exclude those whose state contributions failed to meet a \$10,000 threshold.
- Step 3** PUBLIC CONTACT - **780** public education contacts were made 30 days prior to filing deadline with the assistance of the Technical Assistance Division.
- Step 4** RESEARCH - The major donors' filing activity was manually researched and confirmed. **623** had timely filed, leaving **157** potential non-filers.
- Step 5** FIRST ENFORCEMENT CONTACT - Questionnaire mailed first class to the **157** potential non-filers. **80** of these either had filed or were not required to file. The remaining **77** potential violators were monitored to confirm they filed. This resulted in:
- 42 - Tier 1 violations that were prosecuted - \$ 17,600 penalties**
- Step 6** SECOND ENFORCEMENT CONTACT - Certified letter sent to the remaining 35 non-filers. This resulted in:
- 19 - Tier 2 violations that were prosecuted - \$ 11,400 penalties**
 - 1 - Tier 3 violation that was prosecuted - \$ 2,000 penalty**
- Step 7** FULL INVESTIGATION - **15** cases were referred to full investigation because:
- Information was developed indicating additional serious violations of PRA
 - Decision was made by Enforcement to exclude due to size of contribution
 - Respondent requested a probable cause hearing
 - No response was received from respondent

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- Substantial public education contacts were made - 780 contacts
- A trend of increased voluntary compliance by Major Donor committees has been established - 85% reduction in identified violations from the 1st to the 2nd semi-annual periods, corresponding to a 56% decrease in proportional violations.
- Over \$ 3 million in contributions were identified and disclosed by major donors to the public that would otherwise not have been reported by the donors.
- Swift Enforcement action was taken. The Major Donor 'streamlined' cases were open on average for only 56.1 days.
- 62 'streamlined' cases initiated, investigated and settled within 11 months from the date that the oldest violation occurred.
- \$ 31,000 in penalties collected.
- Fifteen proactive investigations have been launched into more serious violations.